What is claimed is:

1. An image communication apparatus comprising:

a reception section that receives data through a communication line;

existing memory that stores the data received by said reception section in a predetermined case; and

a control section that determines the capacity of the data received by said reception section, determines the presence or absence of any expanded memory in said image communication apparatus and stores said data in either said existing memory or said expanded memory according to the capacity of said data.

2. The image communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means determines the presence or absence of said expanded memory in the case where the capacity of said data exceeds the capacity of said existing memory and stores said data in said expanded memory when said expanded memory is present and the capacity of said expanded memory exceeds the capacity of said data.

3. The image communication apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising a display section that displays the state of said image communication apparatus, wherein said display section displays information that said data cannot be stored in the case where said expanded memory

is absent or the capacity of said data exceeds the capacity of said expanded memory.

4. The image communication apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the communication terminal that sent said data is notified of information that said data cannot be stored in the case where said expanded memory is absent or the capacity of said data exceeds the capacity of said expanded memory.

5. The image communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said data is a new program that controls said image communication apparatus.

6. A data storage method of an image communication apparatus comprising the steps of:

determining the capacity of data received through a communication line and comparing the capacity of said data with the capacity of existing memory of said image communication apparatus;

determining the presence or absence of any expanded memory in said image communication apparatus in the case where the capacity of said data exceeds the capacity of said existing memory;

comparing the capacity of said data with the capacity of said expanded memory when said expanded memory is present; and

storing said data in said expanded memory in the

case where the capacity of said expanded memory exceeds the capacity of said data.

7. The data storage method according to claim 6, wherein said image communication apparatus displays information that said data cannot be stored in the case where said expanded memory is absent or the capacity of said data exceeds the capacity of said expanded memory.

8. The data storage method according to claim 6, wherein the communication terminal that sent said data is notified of information that said data cannot be stored in the case where said expanded memory is absent or the capacity of said data exceeds the capacity of said expanded memory.

9. The data storage method according to claim 6, wherein said data is a new program that controls said image communication apparatus.